Members of the Commission and on what consideration they have been included in the Commission;

(d) what will be the terms of reference of this Commission;

(e) by when the Commission is likely to submit, its report?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (e) A Commission has been set up for the Study of Issues Concerning the Protection of Labour Rights and Related matters. The Commission would *inter-alia* study the ILO Conventions relating to exploitative labour practices, freedom of association, collective bargaining, and discrimination in employment and assess the adequacy of our laws and implementation of these laws in the context of the Conventions. The Commission would develop an action plan for overcoming the identified problems and inadequacies if any. The Chairman of the Commission is Dr. Subramanian Swamy former Cabinet Minister, and the members are Shri A.V. Ganesan, former Commerce Secretary and Shri S.L. Passey a distinguished Trade Union Leader all of whom have experience relevant to the study of this subject. The Commission will make its recommendations within one year.

Close watch on exports to Russia

3549. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to prepare a mechanism to keep a close watch on exports to Russia;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government in this respect?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (c) In keeping with the common objective of ensuring transparency in Indo-Russian bilateral economic and commercial relations with strict adherence to bilateral agreements, it has been agreed by both sides to monitor carefully exports from India to Russia, particularly on the debt repayment track. Both sides have agreed to evolve systems to ensure that the commodity-wise break-up of exports of goods and services are available in a timely manner, and transactions are effected in keeping with bilateral agreements. A mechanism to monitor debt repayment exports from the Indian side, with these objectives in mind, is being evolved and will be put in place shortly for the common benefit of the Governments and trading communities of India and Russia.

Joint Venture Company between Mercedes Benz Ag. and Telco

3550. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have approved the establishment of a Joint Venture Company between Mercedes Benz Ag. of Germany and TELCO for manufacturing Mercedes Benz passenger cars at a new plant in Pune as reported in the Hindustan Times dated 5th August, 1994; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof indicating, (i) Mercedes Benz's investment in the total cost of project (ii) annual production capacity and target set for production and by when it is expected to start (iii) the holding company's share equity of the Joint Venture and TELCO's balance equity and (iv) likely production of engine by Pune Plant for cars etc. by 1994-95.

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) (i) M/s. Daimler Benz, the holding company of Mercedes Benz will invest about Rs. 178.5 crores. (ii) The annual capacity of the joint venture will be to